



Paul's Perspectives:



What a fine, orderly, and upbeat **Annual Meeting** we had last Sunday. In spite, of the uncertainties and difficulties we endured during 2021, our congregation has done so very well on many fronts. You are all to be congratulated for being so very faithful, kind, and generous - with both your time, talents, and offerings. We ended 2021 with spending a little less than was budgeted; receiving offerings and gifts that accounted for a sizable amount of black ink; and our investment saw over an eleven percent increase during the year.

With faith, and confidence, we adopted a budget for 2022 that took into account the issues of inflation that is affecting us all. There a short fall projected, but I believe we will bridge the gap, because God always provides. Other reports of committees and commissions were reviewed and accepted with appreciation. Many voices of appreciation, for time and effort given to make things work together so well, were voiced, and heartily agreed with by all.

Copies of the **Annual Report** are available to anyone who wishes to have one. They can be found in the office area, on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and on our church website.

Lenten Planning: On January 31st I hosted a meeting of the ministers involved in our **Lenten Services**. It was unanimous, that we go forward with in-person services, but with respect for each churches protocol on personal safety. We will also stream the services on the internet - for those who are unable or hesitant to attend in person.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the **2nd of March**, and we will be hosted that evening by Mukwonago. All our services begin at 7:00 p.m. In the coming days we will be publishing the entire schedule. Host Pastors will be preaching at each event this year. Pastor Debbie Giese is new among us this year, as the pastor at Honey Creek. The other change for this year is that Pastor Kevin Clark is on a six month sabbatical, (how did he wrangle such a deal?), and the Rev. Randy Kohls, (a long time valued friend of mine), is handling pastoral duties during these months for the people in Mukwonago.. Having met them both, I assure you that these Pastor's are going to be outstanding additions to our times together.

Proud to be your Pastor, *Pastor Paul Ray*





Worship Hour continues to be broadcast live on the church's Facebook page and a recording of the latest service will continue to be posted weekly to the church's website www.fccrochesterwis.org.

Bible Study - Evening Bible study meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 7:00 pm.
We are studying the book of Revelation.

Sunday, February 6 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Harry Tufford.

Sunday, February 13 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Daniel Mitchell.
Sunday School meets after Children's Time.

Monday, February 14th - *HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!*



Sunday, February 20 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Lora Gensler and Rose Seeger.

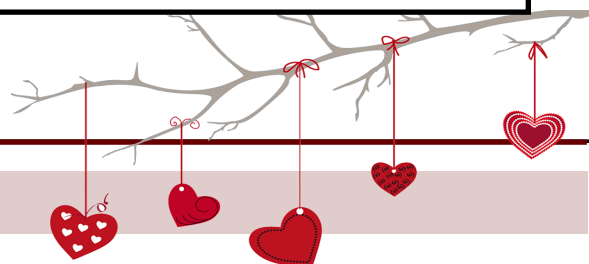
Monday, February 21 - 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting.

Sunday, February 27 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Jubilee.
Sunday School meets after Children's time.



LENT BEGINS On Wednesday, March 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY

The Service will be at 1st Congregational Church of Mukwonago at 7:00 pm.
We will also be streaming the services online.



Lectionary Readings

2/1 *Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

2/13 *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6:17-26*

2/20 *Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15: 25-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38*

2/27 *Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12, 4:2; Luke 9:28-36*

"AND NOW THESE
THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE
IS LOVE."

♥ 1 Corinthians 13:13





Prayers and Concerns

COVID19 Responders and Caregivers

Victims of Terrorism

Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide

Our Nation's Leaders

All military personnel and their families

Casa Bernabe Orphanage

Aga Dahms, recovery

Douglas Depatis

Kristy Novak Enger

Rachel Frashingbauer

Jim, Christine Gall's Father

Julie Gren

Oscar Jacobs

Tom and Lynn Koeper

Ed Manwing

Oliver, Bill and Joyce Gerard's grandson

Neely McNeal

Dan Medkalf

Stephanie Mutz

Matthew Olson

Julie Pagan

Torin Philips

Doris Schaefer

Reid Shamus

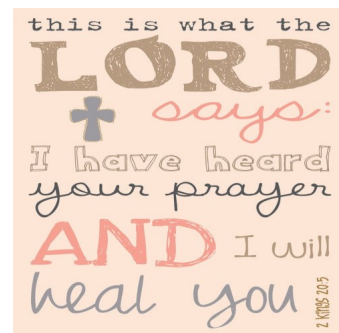
Jack and Jeanie Smith year old Clinton

Barbara

Lois

Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has moved to a new address:
Holton Manor
645 North Church Street
Elkhorn, WI 53121.
Phone Number 262-723-5827



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Pators Report

- Want to start choir in February.
- Annual meeting last Sunday in January. (January 30, 2022)

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of November: deposits (income) were \$3,406 and withdrawals (expenses) \$5,126.

Worship Commission

- We continue to fill Sundays with special music.
- Jubilee continues to play during the last service of each month.

Fellowship Commission

- Sunday, January 30th there will be a coffee hour during the Annual Meeting.
- Sunday, February 13th Potluck after church.

Mission Commission

- The Christmas shoe boxes we packed at the packing event were shipped to Malawi.
- Love Inc. was served on November 29th. We prepared 40 individual meals in the "to go" containers. Love Inc. plans to continue serving meals on Monday's and Wednesday's only, in the current format.
- All tags from the Adopt-a-Family Christmas tree were picked up and gifts brought to the church. Our church adopted 3 families.

Buildings and Grounds

- Steve Dolphin and Don Ketterhagen discussed coordinating things needed to be done with congregation. Some may be able to do various jobs.
- Contractors have been contacted for bids on painting church and parsonage.
- Sign on highway 36 needs to be refurbished.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, February 21 at 7:00 PM



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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February 2022



2217Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:15 am Church Special Music by Harry Tufford.	7 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:15 am Church Special Music by Daniel Mitchell Children's Sunday School	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:15 am Church Special Music by Lora Gensler and Rose Seeger.	21 Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:15 am Church Special Music by Jubilee. Children's Sunday School	28 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm					

Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

